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Application Number: 10/042,549		Filed: January 9, 2002		
FOR TANTALUM AND NIOBIUM BILLETS AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THE SAME				
Unit: 1742		Examiner: Lois L. Zheng		
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to application.	extend the perio	od for filing a reply i	in the above identified	
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